

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic C.T. Leaman House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 17600 Riffle Ford Rd. ___ not for publication

city, town Germantown ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	___ not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles E. and Mary Ann Carlson

street & number 17600 Riffle Ford Rd. telephone no.: 428-3401

city, town Germantown, Md. state and zip code 20874

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4230

street & number folio 53

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 ___ federal ☒ state ☒ county ___ local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

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7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>The house is a two story, frame structure built in three sections. The west end is the oldest part, with the east end added later. Extending to the south is another, still later, wing.</p> <p>The main facade is four bays with the entrance in the second bay from the east. It has transom and sidelighted door. The entrance bay has a central gable breaking the roof^a line. A porch runs across the entire facade. The siding is tongue and groove. There is an external chimney at the west end and a chimney between the first and second bays from the west end.</p> <p>North of the house is a frame barn.</p>			

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Significance

Survey No.

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
— prehistoric	— archeology-prehistoric	— community planning	— landscape architecture	— religion
— 1400-1499	— archeology-historic	— conservation	— law	— science
— 1500-1599	— agriculture	— economics	— literature	— sculpture
— 1600-1699	— X architecture	— education	— military	— social/
— 1700-1799	— art	— engineering	— music	— humanitarian
— 1800-1899	— commerce	— exploration/settlement	— philosophy	— theater
— 1900-	— communications	— industry	— politics/government	— transportation
		— invention		— other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
Check: Applicable Criteria: <u> A </u> <u> B </u> <u> C </u> <u> D </u>	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <u> A </u> <u> B </u> <u> C </u> <u> D </u> <u> E </u> <u> F </u> <u> G </u>	
Level of Significance: <u> national </u> <u> state </u> <u> local </u>	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and report.

The C. T. Leaman house is a nicely maintained and attractively detailed vernacular dwelling. The main block of the house dates from the late nineteenth century. However, the original two story, four room section to the west is reportedly much older.¹ The basic style of the house is commonly found throughout the county but perhaps not as refined in rural areas as in the case of this house, and not as well maintained.

In May of 1867, Christian Leaman purchased from Martin and Lucinda Thompson 65 7/8 acres of the "Friend in Need" tract for \$1,750.² He probably then built the early section of the house. Sometime around 1895, he added what is now the main block of the house.

In March of 1896, Christian, a highly respected farmer, died leaving a widow, Martha, and their two children, John Upton Leaman and Alcile E. Corbett. Because the property was not susceptible to division between the three heirs, it was decided by the court that it be offered for sale.³ The property was then described as 66 5/8 acres, a small portion of which was in woodland with the majority in arable land presently under cultivation. The farm was improved by a "comfortable" two story frame house, "nearly new," a new barn and other outbuildings.⁴

The property was purchased by Martha Leaman for \$2,658.66.⁵ Then in May of 1899, Martha conveyed the farm to her son, John Upton Leaman.⁶ John added on the kitchen, probably during the 1920's.⁷ In 1930, John sold the farm. It was purchased in 1936 by Col. Kenneth Wright and his wife, Virginia, a lawyer.⁸ The Wrights added on the back living room some time during the 1940's or 1950's.⁹ The house remained in the family until 1972 when Virginia's son, Thomas Brown, sold the house to the present owners, Charles and Mary Ann Carlson.¹⁰

See Attachment Sheet A for Footnotes

- ¹Conversation With Mary Ann Carlson, 7/83.
- ²Deed EBP 4/270, Montgomery County Land Records.
- ³Equity #1389, JA 13/193, Montgomery County Judgement Records.
- ⁴Sentinel, July 31, 1896.
- ⁵Deed JA 55/383, Montgomery County Land Records.
- ⁶Deed TD 8/265, " "
- ⁷Mary Ann Carlson.
- ⁸Deed 3001/696, Montgomery County Land Records.
- ⁹Mary Ann Carlson.
- ¹⁰Deed 4230/53, Montgomery County Land Records.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land Records
Montgomery County Judgement Records
Conversation with Mary Ann Carlson, 7/83
Sentinel, newspaper

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 16.01 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm.date 9/83

street & number

telephone

city or town Rockvillestate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: C. T. Leaman House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 17600 Riffle Ford Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Germantown				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Charles Carlson				
STREET AND NUMBER: 17600 Riffle Ford Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Germantown		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "		
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "		
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "		
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC	DATE: 22 May 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:	
National <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>
Signature _____	

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NAME ^{M:}# 19-26 C.T. LEAMAN HOUSE

LOCATION RIFFLE FORD RD GERMANTOWN, MD

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